

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

April 21, 2009; 4:15PM
General Services Department
Combined Operations and Maintenance Facility
311 North State Street

Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: Councilor Keith Nyhan, Chair, Greg Banks, Councilor Liz Blanchard, Melanie Doiron, Paula Mattis, Mike Russell, Terry Clarkson

Staff: Chip Chesley, Bob McManus, Pat Winn

Guests: Jim Pressher, Executive Director, Concord Co-op, Craig Musselman, CMA Engineers

Public: Elaine Kellerman, Brian Phelps, Terry Clarkson, Island Shore Condominium Association

Excused: Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Dick Lemieux, Councilor William Stetson, Councilor Rob Werner, Arthur Aznive, Matt Cashman, and Jeff Myers.

General

The meeting was convened at 4:15 PM by Councilor Nyhan. Councilor Nyhan welcomed Terry Clarkson as a new member to the committee. Terry will bring forward insight into the Downtown Solid Waste Removal District. Keith also noted that City Council appointed Arthur Aznive to the committee as a second member with interest in the Downtown Solid Waste Removal District. Unfortunately, Arthur is out of town today and could not attend. Councilor Nyhan also recognized Terry Clarkson and Brian Phelps as two new visitors to the committee meeting.

Amended minutes from the April 7, 2009 meeting were approved.

Concord Co-op's Single Stream Project Update

Chip updated committee members regarding the status of the Co-op's efforts to construct a single stream recycling facility on Whitney Road in Concord. The Co-op just recently presented the project site plans to the Concord Planning Board and has a permit application pending with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Since the Co-op understands that it doesn't have sufficient recycling volumes generated by its member communities, including Concord, the Co-op has been meeting with other communities within New Hampshire regarding their potential involvement with the project. He then introduced Jim Pressher and Craig Musselman.

A presentation by the Co-Op on a single stream facility was presented by Jim Pressure and Craig Musselman of CMA Engineers. Craig Musselman is the Co-Op's engineer for the project.

Summary points are bulleted below:

- 30,000 tons annually running a single shift
- 70,000 tons annually running two shifts
- 15-18 tons per hour
- Minimum annual 25,000 tons to proceed
- Requires 13-14 employees and 3-4 administration
- Facility to be owned by the Co-op
- Operations performed by a contract operator
- Facility design includes space for 3-4 executive and administrative Co-op employees
- Proposing to accept all plastics, may decide not to accept #3-7 film type plastics
- Fine plastic residue to be back handled to Nashua
- Would like to make a decision by June by Co-Op Board
- Presently 17,000 to 18,000 tons committed (Co-op is anticipating Concord's participation)
- Co-op's economies of scale appear at 25,000 tons cost \$40/ton at current markets for recycling
- Co-op can join any time; Recycling Associate Facility Members are requested to join now
- Transfer station sited optioned
- Instead of a PILOT, Co-op plans to pay to the city a host community fee which is similar to their practice with the Co-op's ash landfill located in Franklin
- Nashua proposal heard by Board of Public Works
- Franklin and Laconia have committed
- Total costs about \$15 million.
- Will costs increase, like in Bow power plant? Craig M – I can guarantee that won't happen. Concern about construction jobs being shipped out of state. Craig M. can't exclude out of state contractors.

The committee had a number of questions. Concerning project costs increases, Craig Musselman noted that the Co-op has received bids for equipment and is securing construction bids for the site and building. He is confident the project costs should not increase. Concerning restricting construction to New Hampshire contractors, Craig Musselman can't exclude out of state contractors. Concerning the quality of the product generated by single stream facilities, Craig Musselman noted that most operate just at specification, and as the recycling market has declined, secondary vendors have become more particular about meeting specification. Concerning sufficient recycling material to support the facility, Craig Musselman noted that he believes the facility must

secure 25,000 tons at current recycling market which he believes is \$40 per ton. The committee asked if the Co-op would share its proforma with the committee and staff.

Pay As You Throw Update

Chip reported that is currently working with about twenty retailers. The bag vendor contract is about to be signed. The utility 'countdown' mailer is complete and is scheduled to be placed in water bills from April 30 to June 30. Liz Bedard is working on developing a PAYT web page that is scheduled to be launched the first of May. The mailer will go in the utility bills from April 30 to June 30. Each utility customer will receive the 'countdown' mailer twice prior to July 6. A post card will be mailed to all City residents as the date of implementation approaches. Pat Winn is attending community events. Elaine Kellerman, through the Sierra Club, is hosting neighborhood events on May 16 at the West Street Ward House, East Concord Community Center, Heights Community Center and Beaver Meadow Golf Club.

Downtown Solid Waste Removal District

Keith noted that reviewing the Solid Waste Removal District is the next important item for the committee to discuss. City acts as an agent for properties within the district for the removal of refuse and recyclables. The City bills the district property owners based on property assessed value. City bills monthly, in advance.

The District is established by ordinance in 1993 consistent with State law that permits districts. Over time, the geographic boundary has changed. Though originally not part of the district, Center Point Church petitioned to join the district when they started their school. When the school activity moved, the church successfully petitioned to be removed. The State of New Hampshire is currently requesting to be removed from the district. Paul Cavanaugh is reviewing the matter and will provide the committee with a recommendation.

Mayor Bouley has asked SWAC to review the concept and boundaries of the Downtown Solid Waste District. Chair would like to make a recommendation by June to Council.

Next meeting May 5th at 4:15 PM at the COMF.